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Gratitude...

By D. H. DELK

PSALM 107:3, "Oh that men would praise the Lord!" This phrase is found four times in this Psalm. It must be important. Simmons said, "Our thanks should be as fervent for mercies received as our petitions for mercies sought." But this seldom happens, we know. It takes a long time to admit, "In God we live and move and have our beings." When the boy with a loaf of bread was asked where he got it, he answered, "From the baker." When asked where the baker got it, he replied, "He made it." When questioned of what it was made, he answered, "Flour." When asked where he got the flour, the lad replied, "From the farmer." So, it finally dawned on the boy that the farmer raised it from God's earth. It is God who gives us power (or ability) to get anything we have. Many times I thanked God for food and raiment, but I never thought to say, "And water." When water became a dire need around here, we were in a great strait, so we cried unto the Lord, and He came to the rescue and gave us rain. Thank the Lord! Oh, I am so glad we did not have to wait for a rain-maker to slake our thirst. If we had had to wait on him, we might soon have needed shrouds.

It's strange that poverty doesn't usually cause pride and grumbling. No, it's usually prosperity. Read Hosea 13:6-8. Here we find that they were filled and their hearts were exalted. They were filled by mercy and grace, yet, they took the big head and became top heavy (useless to God). Their ingratitude made God as sore as a bereaved bear or a hungry, vicious lion. It's not enough to serve God—we must serve Him with all lowliness of mind, with gladness, with hearts satiated with gratitude. Psalm 103:1.

I read of a girl inheriting a \$40,000 ranch for smiling at a customer. "If I do this thing willingly (in thanksgiving and sincere gratitude), I have a reward—a great recompense of reward. Bate has said that the word "grateful" and the word "good" are synonymous. According to this, it's impossible for a grumbler to be good. Have you heard of the chronic grumbler that grumbled about bad health, but then began complaining of feeling better? To be unthankful is to do evil for good. Proverbs 17:13, "Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house." Bridges says, "To render evil for good is devilish. Evil for evil is brutish. Good for good is human, but to do good for evil is divine." To do good for evil certainly must be possible, for the perfect Man, the Man without sin, said, "Do good to them that hate you," etc. Read Psalm 107 and see how much God has done. "Oh that men would praise the Lord." This word "oh" means, "I wish; I would; oh, why don't people be thankful and praise God?" Saadi said, "A grateful dog is better than an ungrateful man." Shakespeare said, "Blow, blow, thou winter wind, thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude; freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky, thou dost not bite so nigh as benefits forgot. "OH THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD!"

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COVER PICTURE—A. Devaney

The symbol of our national freedom is the Statue of Liberty in New York City. Americans who visit abroad agree that this is one of the most welcome sights that is possible upon their return home, for it stands as a portal to our land of liberty.

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*There is a reason
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— The Existence of Man —

By W. D. POLEN

DO YOU REMEMBER the first time you asked or were asked the questions: "Where did I come from? Why am I here?" Do you remember the answer that was given? Do you really know the answer to these two questions. Do you know just how man's existence has figured into the present-day occurrences?

We shall find the answers to these questions, as well as the answers to all of our questions, in the pages of God's Holy Divine Word—the Bible.

This question probably has been asked universally as much as any other one question. I believe that almost everyone has asked himself time and time again, "Why am I here just as I am?" Even the man whom the Bible calls "the man after God's own heart" asked the same question. David, the king of Israel, once cried out, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" Psalm 8:4.

What is man that God is so concerned about him—that even Jesus Christ the Son of God said that the hairs of his head are numbered? What is so outstanding and valuable about this creature called man that all the riches of this world are of less value than the precious soul of just one man?

In the first book of the Bible, often called the book of beginnings, we read, "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon this earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them," Genesis 1:26, 27.

Are you beginning to see why God cares so much for us? We were created in the image and likeness of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for God said, "Let us make man in our own image." Just how long before creation the three Persons of the Godhead made these plans to create man is not known, but this one thing we do know, God did make the plans to create man, and God did make plans for the existence of man. The Scripture declares in Acts 15:18, "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning." The Bible speaks many times of God's plan being planned and foreordained before the foundations of the world. The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ was as a Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. In the plan of God for man there were set up seven different dispensational periods or, as they could be called, periods of testing. In a brief study of these dispensations, they are as follows:

1. THE DISPENSATION OF INNOCENCE.

During this period Satan tempted Adam and Eve, causing the fall of man from his perfect state. Sin was not a part of God's plan for man's existence, but man fell into

sin because he disobeyed the commandments of his Creator. Man was judged, the earth was cursed, and all creatures were brought under the bondage of sin.

2. THE DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE.

During this period man was conscious of his lost condition under sin. God made him the first promise of the coming Redeemer (Genesis 3:15), but man plunged deeper and deeper under his load of sin.

3. THE DISPENSATION OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT.

The whole earth had only one language at this time. As the family of man traveled along, they said, "Let us build us a city, and a tower whose top may reach into heaven." They wanted to make a name for themselves, but God confused their tongues and scattered them over the earth.

4. THE DISPENSATION OF PROMISE.

During this time of testing God made this promise to Abraham: "The Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. . . . As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God," Genesis 17:1-8.

5. THE DISPENSATION OF LAW.

This period of testing, which was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, lasted from the time of Moses until Christ became our Saviour. Moses was a man set aside from birth to carry out part of the great plan of God for man's existence.

6. THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE.

This is the present period, which started with the first coming of Jesus Christ, and will end, as a period, with the second coming of Jesus Christ, when Satan is thrown into the bottomless pit for one thousand years.

7. THE DISPENSATION OF DIVINE GOVERNMENT.

The millennial reign of Jesus Christ with all the saints will extend over a period of one thousand years. The Bible tells us in Revelation 20:7-10 that at the close of the millennium, Satan will be loosed from his prison for a short time to deceive the nations. After his short excur-

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Obadiah 15, "For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head."

God is a just God. According as we have done, it shall be done—good or bad. The seed we sow will be what we will reap.

I. God's Judgment Upon Edom.

MANY PEOPLE have asked the question, "Why did God pronounce judgment upon Edom?" Let us step into the background for just a few moments. Edom sprang from Esau, the brother of Jacob. Esau and Jacob were Isaac's two sons. Esau sold his birthright to his brother, Jacob, or Israel for some red pottage and thus his name was called Edom (Genesis 25:30).

Esau hated his brother, Jacob, from that time forth. God said, "You must pay for the many wicked deeds against Israel." That applies to us today. If we do wrong, we shall surely pay for that which we have done.

Pride is a dangerous thing, and Edom was in a proud condition. Pride had crept into their hearts and caused them to feel their importance and boast. Obadiah 3 says, "The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?"

From this verse we see that pride had caused them to think that it would be impossible for any nation to overthrow them. Their homes were high in the rock. It seemed that these people had climbed up into the rocks

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Upon Thine

By W. P. COLTER

and hewed out their homes, and there they lived. The rocks were beautiful, for they had many glamorous colors. Their city was unique among the cities of the earth. It had walls on each side and the entrance was very narrow. According to history, it had been a hard city to capture.

God had not forgotten the wicked deeds that the Edomites had done. When Moses was leading the children from Egyptian bondage and wanted to go through the land of Edom, they refused to let the Israelites go through their land. Moses said they would pay for all the food, water, etc., but they would not agree and went out to battle against the Israelites. So Moses took the children of Israel down by the Dead Sea and went around their land. This was one of the things that God had not punished them for as yet. By no means had God forgotten it. God will not let people by that do wrong, for He is a just God.

Edom continued to do evil against God's people. All through history, Edom and Israel hated one another. For centuries there existed between them an implacable animosity. They had warred against each other constantly. However, this was a battle the Edomites would not win, for God was going to do the fighting.

They bragged and boasted and said, Who can bring us down? People today set their eyes and imaginations among the stars of pride and say, "Who can bring us down?" The Bible says "He that exalts himself shall he make low and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Pride betrays brotherly love.

GOD SENT the prophet, Obadiah, to prophesy of the destruction of Edom and the restoration of Israel. Obadiah's message was filled with destruction for Edom. God declared that the Edomites would be cut off forever because they had stood on the other side and seen the Israelites being taken captive by strangers. God said that they were as guilty as the strangers. That proves to us today that if we see our brother doing something wrong and if we just stand by and laugh about it, we are just as guilty as he is. We must turn our backs to sin and lose sight of the devil and all his pleasures. Sin is sin to God. God hates sin, but He loves His people and that is why He wants to protect them. God has pronounced judgment upon those who do wrong.

Many people today laugh and make fun of others who do not have as much as they have. God is not pleased with people's ridiculing. It provokes Him to anger when they do such. In the sight of God, a poor man's soul is worth as much as the soul of the richest man in the

Own Head

Pastor, Cohutta, Georgia

world. Edom represents the world, and Israel represents God's people. The world hates God and His works. You may say, "Preacher, how do you know?" God's Word declares it. He said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." What was God's commandment? It was that we should have no other gods before Him and that we should love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength.

Does the world love God? No, for the gods of this world have blinded their eyes, and caused their hearts to be carried away with their own lusts. God said, "Thy reward shall return upon thine own head." I have asked many young boys and girls to turn to God. They reply, "I'm having a good time, and I'm still young. Why should I quit now? I have plenty of time." Friends, we have no promise of tomorrow. Edom thought that time was unlimited. They said, "We're having a good time; who can bring us down?" They lived in the clefts of the rocks. They would climb on a rope ladder and then pull it up behind them, for their habitation was high. Don't forget, God can bring you down. God is an omnipotent God, and He will give to us our reward—good or bad. God's magnifying eyes can see into our hearts. He can see even the smallest of sins. He wants people to be on fire, not to be just a cold professor and not a possessor. So get on fire for God or be cut off. Remember, your reward shall "return upon thine own head."

II. Edom Must Pay for Their Sins.

THE BIBLE SAYS in Galatians 6:7, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Edom had sown some wicked seeds. Now the harvest time had come, and they must reap, but the reaping was not to be as pleasant as the sowing. Usually, a farmer doesn't like sowing the seed as well as the reaping.

When a man sows in sin, he must reap death; if he sows to the spirit, he shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. When a man sows corn, he expects to reap corn; when he sows wheat, he expects to reap wheat; when you sow in sin, you must expect to reap death. As the old song says, "You can't do wrong and get by." God will not permit such to happen. The kind of reward you pay for is the kind you will receive. Today preachers will tell you that as long as you belong to their church, you can do as you please and you will be all right. Friends, don't let anyone fool you. Let no man deceive you. That which you sow, you shall reap.

A young boy once hated his neighbor because the

neighbor did not approve of some meanness that the boy had done. So one day the boy decided that he would get even with his neighbor. He found some Johnson grass (this grass will spread over a large field in a year). He planted it in the neighbor's field. As the years passed by, the boy became a man and started going with the neighbor's daughter. He fell in love with her and married her. Soon he inherited the land on which he had sown the grass. In the hot, scorching sun he had to dig up the grass that he had sown years before. So he was reaping what he had sown. Today many young people are sowing the wild Johnson grass of sin, but tomorrow they will be reaping. God said, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay."

Paul was an educated man. Pride had lifted him high in the popularity of the world. He was persecuting the Church for which Christ died. One day as he was on the road to Damascus, on his way to persecute the Church, God struck him down and made him realize that he had been doing the wrong thing. Although Paul did a wonderful work afterwards, yet he had to pay for his sins. He was beaten, cast out of the city as dead—some seemed to think that Paul was dead—but God raised him up again. Paul was shipwrecked, taken to prison in Rome, beaten and thrown into the Philippian jail, suffering from bloody stripes. Then at death, he was beheaded at Nero's chopping block.

Friends, let us be careful how we live. Sometimes children have to suffer for the sins of their parents. Many times the whole church has to suffer for the sins of one church member. (Let me say this, sometimes a preacher knows about the sin and still lets it go on in the church. He is just as guilty as the man who is doing it. Paul said to get rid of such a man.) Achan sinned and the whole army of Israel had to suffer until they got rid of him, then God gave them the victory.

Someone said, Why doesn't God kill the devil and get rid of sin? That isn't any of our business. But it is our business to keep sin out of our hearts. God does not let us get by with sin in our hearts. God, no doubt, had begged and pleaded with Edom to repent. The more He begged, the harder their hearts became. So He said they should be cut off forever. There was not another chance; their doom was sealed—might as well sing the funeral song and weep, for they were gone.

Thousands of people are like Edom—wanting to satisfy their desires more than God's. Millions of people today put their feet under some table to fill the desires of their stomach, but how many people would walk into a church to get the desires of their souls? I think about the times at school when the bell rings for lunch. The boys and girls rush to the cafeteria, wanting hot food. They can't seem to get there fast enough, but when the bell rings for chapel, it's a different picture. You see very few hurrying; their menu does not call for hot salvation.

Christ told the people that they did not follow Him for the miracles He performed, but for the food they received. Christ told the devil that man could not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God. Edom was not thinking of the Spirit of God, but of the beauty of life. This caused their pride to be shown, and caused God to cast them down. People today worship their beautiful homes, cars, etc. God is not pleased, and some day He will melt them away and they will be cut off forever.

Many times when they stood on the crossway, and the

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Seeking a Bride

By Mrs. George W. Ayers

I HAVE NEVER MET a woman who was not interested in a bride or a wedding. If the lady was married, she thought of her own wedding and how she looked when she was a bride. If she was unmarried, she thought of how she hoped to look when the time came for her wedding. In this article, I hope to place a little thought into your mind about the comparison of the earthly bride and the spiritual bride of Christ.

I wrote a skit or playlet one time about the above subject. I used the Bible story of Isaac's bride in the first part. You remember how Abraham, when he was old, called his most faithful servant to him and made him vow to find a bride for his son Isaac among his own people. The servant went to find the bride for his master's son, and he prayed about his errand as he went. God answered his prayer when he found Rebekah at the well. I was interested to note that Rebekah had certain qualifications to her credits—she was not lazy, she was kind and thoughtful of strangers, she believed what the man of God said, she trusted his word enough to go with him to his homeland to marry his master's son. When she arrived there, the groom-to-be was meditating in the field at eventide. He met her for the first time, and I think they were well pleased with each other. They were married and enjoyed years of happiness together.

In the second and last part of the playlet, I used a minister to be the servant of God. He was sent to find a bride for Christ. This bride, too, must meet certain specifications. Ephesians 5:27 tells us that this bride should not have a spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but it should be holy and without blemish. God required the best of the sheep, doves, etc., in the sacrifices under the law; He didn't want anything that people wouldn't use themselves. Isn't it a shame that today people offer their "second best" to God for His service? The least we can do is to give God our best in appreciation for the wonderful hope He has given us through Christ. The bride of Christ cannot afford to be lazy, thoughtless, disbelieving of God's Word, or His servant's word. We must trust God and His people; lack of confidence is a great loss to any-

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Our Vines Have Tender Grapes

By Lillian Hitt, Philadelphia, Penn.

We are a family of four. Dad and I, David our fourteen-year-old, and Susan who is ten. Fortunately, we have a rich heritage. We, as parents, had the priceless possession of Christian parents before us. We grew up in the church and attended Sunday School so early in life that we scarcely remember attending any public gathering prior to that.

My recollection of the church service as a little girl was that sometimes it seemed to go on and on. I always brought a handkerchief, however, and with it I discovered that I could have a world all my own. By folding and refolding it, the hankie became a papoose, a cradle, and so forth. In those tender years, only the Sunday School really meant something to me. The story of the ten virgins, told by an artist who with blackboard and chalk depicted the story, is one that I shall carry forever in my memory, even though when I heard it, I was a very tiny tot sitting on a little red chair that Sunday afternoon.

Without the Sunday School and the compulsory verse memorizing in those early formative years, I might not today be enjoying the deeper things of God. How important it is to have the right Sunday School teachers to tell the story graphically and in the power of the Spirit so that it will be retained in the pliable hearts and minds of these little ones!

How important it is for us as parents to see that our children are taken to this school to learn lessons that will be lost forever if the opportunity is not taken at this precise moment!

We have done this, and have rejoiced to see the results, in some measure, in the spiritual development of our children.

Once a week Sunday School, however, as good as it is, is not enough to build them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We have found that a family altar at home each day can be the tie binding Sunday to Sunday.

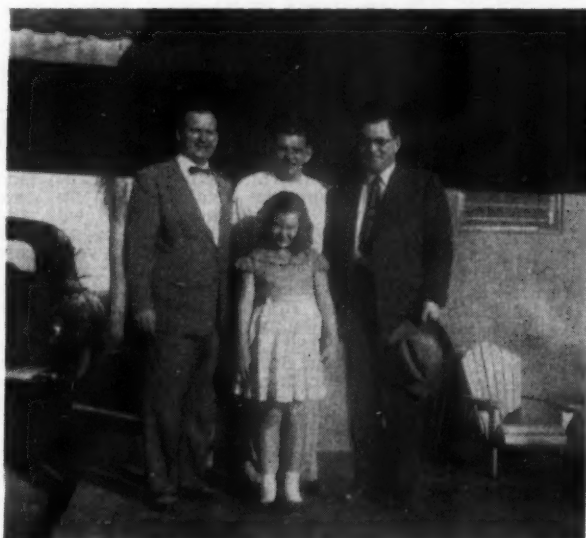
We have set aside a few moments after dinner each evening for our family devotions. They are not long nor

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Man and missions

From the Foreign Mission Executive Secretary's Desk, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee—PAUL H. WALKER.

VISITORS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Manuel F. Campbell and the Executive Missions Secretary visit the Altons in the Dominican Republic. Brother Alton and his little girl are in the center.

OUR MISSIONARIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS



We are very happy to introduce to you our Brother and Mrs. F. R. Cortez, their three sons, Fulgencio, Jesse, and Alexander, and their daughter, Rachel.

These good people are doing a fine work in the Philippines. Your prayers for them are deeply appreciated.

YES, THE MISSIONARIES WRITE LETTERS

The missionaries of the Church of God in various countries write letters back to the United States, believing that the Church people and their many intimate friends will be more than happy to hear from them, and I am sure that they are. However, there is one little matter that many of us have overlooked.

Did You Write Back to Them?

It would be so very nice if those who received form letters would just take a little time out and write a nice letter to the missionary, telling him how glad you were to hear from him. Read the form letter carefully and you will see within it a real urge on the part of the missionary to see God's blessing resting upon the field in which he labors. When he or she hears from you, it is

always an encouragement. Don't neglect to write to the missionaries. They deserve a response from you.

No Solicitations

It is not the general thing that the missionary's form letter is soliciting money from anyone, and if it did, it would be supporting a worth-while cause. However, our missionaries do not make a practice of this. It is simply a way in which they keep in contact, personally, with the friends at home.

In the event that you want to send a gift to them, always send it through the Church of God Missions Department, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, N.E., Cleveland, Tennessee, stating to whom the money is to be sent, and we will forward it 100 percent. You will receive an acknowledgment from the missionary.

revivals

Telegram

TRINITY, Texas—Recently we have had a wonderful revival with Brother J. W. Davis and Brother Gerald F. Reeves as the evangelists. God really blessed them both. Thirteen were saved, 10 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. The revival has brought more unity and fellowship in the whole church. We thank God for the revival and for our pastor, Brother W. F. Toles. He is doing a wonderful work. —Mrs. Eloyce Davis, Reporter.

COVINGTON, Ky.—Brother Bobby Ball recently conducted a five weeks' revival here, and our pastor, Brother John Gilliland, conducted it for another three weeks. The Lord was in our midst each night. Five were saved, 2 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the church. Three persons were healed during the revival, including one sister who was healed of a nervous condition which she had had for years. The Lord blessed in a mighty way. —Letha DeBusk, Reporter.

EAST LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The ten-night revival with Evangelist Charles Batson proved to be a blessing to our church. The special singing and music by Brother Batson was wonderfully inspired by God and stirred the hearts of people. By these songs and messages to us, harvest fields were made ripe, hell was made hot, and heaven became very real and wonderful. Many souls sought God and were saved. Others received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. An increase in our Sunday School was witnessed and has remained near its height. —Mildred Miller, Church Reporter.

GREENVILLE, N. C.—Recently, we had a revival with Brother Robert E. Blazier, of Carmi, Illinois, as the evangelist. Forty-two were saved, 42 sanctified, 22 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 19 added to the church. Many backsliders were reclaimed and there were many testimonies of healing. Brother Blazier's wife is a good pianist and singer, and both Brother and Sister Blazier were a real blessing to our church. —Lester B. Robbins, Pastor.

SOPHIA, W. Va.—We have recently had a great revival for which we praise and thank God. A number of persons were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the church. Brother Roy Dagnan, of Wallins Creek, Kentucky, was the evangelist. We certainly enjoyed his wonderful messages. We also thank God for our good pastor, Brother W. J. Blair, and his family. They have done a wonderful work here for the past ten years. We have built a new church and everything is on the move. —Mrs. Nora Darby, Reporter.

ERWIN, N. C.—Recently we had a great revival in Erwin, with large crowds in attendance. Thirty-one received the Holy Ghost and there were ninety experiences in all. Ralph Tedder is the pastor, and Roland Verrico, of Durham, North Carolina, was the evangelist.

WEST BLOCTON, Ala.—We have just had a great revival in which eighteen were saved, one was sanctified, one was filled with the Holy Ghost, and five were added to the Church. Brother Fred G. Swank was the evangelist. There was not one dull moment after the service was given to him each night. We will welcome his return for another revival. —Carl McCrary, Pastor.

REBECCA, Tenn.—Recently we had a great revival with Brother Chester West as the evangelist. Many souls were blessed by his soul-stirring messages, and the church, as a whole, was greatly blessed. A number of persons were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. One year ago our church was burned to the ground, and this was the first revival since having our new building. We rebuilt our church under the leadership of Brother and Sister Thomas Keener. Brother Keener is also doing a great work at the Clark's Chapel Church of God in Spencer, Tennessee. —John Myers, Reporter.

SHEPHERDSVILLE, Ky.—We thank and praise God for the three weeks' revival which we recently have had. I was impressed by God to have a "Preacher's Revival." Each pastor on the district delivered sermons inspired and anointed of the Holy Ghost. Twenty-four were saved, 12 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 added to the Church. More are expecting to join later. It was the best revival we have ever had, and the Church was greatly blessed. God blessed from the first service to the last. Truly this was an old-fashioned Pentecostal God-sent revival. —Matthew Colvin, Pastor.

PINNACLE, N. C.—Recently we have had a wonderful revival with Brother D. J. Brooks as the evangelist. We had the best attendance during this revival that we have ever had. Twenty were saved, 12 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the Church. —Wayne DeHart, Pastor.

CATLETTSBURG, Ky.—Recently we had a great three weeks' revival conducted by Brother and Sister C. H. Standifer. We had some wonderful healing services, and there were a number of outstanding healings. Five were saved, 3 sanctified, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost. The soul-stirring

messages from night to night were a great inspiration to the Church. —Frank Standifer, Pastor.

NEW AUGUSTA, Miss.—Recently we enjoyed one of the greatest revivals we have ever had. The Lord met with us each night for four weeks, and the night the revival closed, the altar was full. Six were saved, 2 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the Church. Our evangelist, Brother Jimmy Bilbo, from Laurel, Mississippi, did some of the finest preaching I have ever heard. God is surely honoring this young man. We thank the Lord for our good pastor, Brother A. E. Rayborn. —Marie Lucas, Clerk.

LACOCHEE, Fla.—The revival has come and gone, but the memory of the good singing, the wonderful preaching, the marvelous outpouring of God's spirit and power in each service, and the many souls who received definite experiences with God will long be remembered. Six were saved, 3 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, 3 baptized in water, 3 added to the Church, and several were healed. This makes eight new members added to the Church since our pastor, Brother Lindsey Croft, came in September. He is a real man of God and works tirelessly for the Church. Brother Woodrow Thomas, an outstanding young evangelist, was the speaker during the revival. Sister Thomas sang each night. If we attempt great things for God, we can expect great things from God. —Daisy Faircloth, Reporter.

LONGVIEW, N. C.—We have just had a two weeks' revival which was a great success. Sister Margaret Jacobs, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, was the evangelist, and she is a fine preacher. Twenty-three were saved, 6 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 added to the Church, and many bodies were healed. We are getting along fine both financially and spiritually. —W. J. Pritchard, Pastor.

PINEVILLE, Ky.—Recently we had a good revival conducted by Brother Elmer Harrington, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The house was filled each night, and the altar services were good every night of the revival with people still praying when the revival closed. Ten were saved, 7 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the Church. Brother Harrington preached a soul-stirring message each night. —W. L. Bloomfield, Pastor.

SOUTH RICHMOND, Va.—We have recently had a revival with Della Patrick, of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, as the evangelist. The Lord blessed her to preach the Bible in each service. Healings took place as in the Bible days. A near-sighted girl, who could see to read only if she held

the book six inches from her eyes, can now read perfectly with the book eighteen inches or more from her eyes. Persons with a goiter, with a crooked eye, and with exzema were instantly healed. One woman with extremely high blood pressure and heart trouble was healed. A child, whose eye was perishing, was instantly healed, and the eye became as large as the other eye. Two persons were healed of anemia, and a man, crippled with arthritis, was healed. Another man was healed of a growth which had grown in his throat after the removal of his tonsils.—H. M. Burchett, Pastor.

UNION GROVE, Ga.—Recently we had a great three weeks' revival in which the power of God was manifested from night to night. There were about 50 saved, 15 sanctified, 13 filled with the Holy Ghost, and many persons healed by the power of God. Large crowds attended this revival, and we had wonderful cooperation from the surrounding churches. Brother Elmer Golden, the pastor, is one of the finest pastors that I have ever worked with in a revival, and there are some wonderful people at the Union Grove Church.—James Poe Jackson, Evangelist.

ROCK HILL, S. C.—A great Holy Ghost revival swept the Rock Hill Church of God, and the power of God was manifested in a great way from night to night for four weeks. Twenty-two were saved the first night, and people found the Lord every night. Some of the members said that this was the greatest revival they had ever had at this Church. One hundred thirty-eight were saved, 61 sanctified, 49 filled with the Holy Ghost, 32 added to the Church, and 32 baptized in water. Many people were healed by the power of God. We had very good attendance and wonderful cooperation from the other ministers and members on the district. Brother C. M. Jinkerson, the pastor, is a wonderful man with whom to work in a revival, and he has some of the most wonderful people with whom I have ever worked.—James Poe Jackson, Evangelist.

MT. OLIVE, Ga.—One of the most wonderful revivals we have had in many years closed March 5. During this revival, about 60 were saved, some sanctified, 19 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the Church. We are expecting several more to join soon. We, also, had some wonderful healings to take place. One man, who had been deaf in one ear for twenty-five years or more, was instantly healed. Many others were healed of different kinds of diseases. Brother Chamblee, pastor of the Church of God at Lavonia, Georgia, was the evangelist. He is a wonderful preacher who preached under the power of the Holy Ghost. Although the revival ran for only three weeks, the revival spirit continues in our regular services. One has received the Holy Ghost since the revival closed. We appreciate our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister

Ray Pace. He is a wonderful man of God, and we are expecting the church to continue to grow under his leadership. We have a new brick church which is almost completed and paid for, except for some expense on new gas heaters which we bought recently. The Sunday School is growing and has gone over the one hundred mark in attendance. We are expecting a larger attendance every Sunday. Pray for us that we may keep the victory until Jesus comes.—Myrtle Whitehead, Reporter.

PICKENS, S. C.—We have just had one of the greatest revivals that we have ever had. Brother Carl Ellenburg was the evangelist. Twenty-three were saved, 20 sanctified, 13 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the Church. There are prospects for more additions to the Church. We thank the Lord for this, and we ask that you join us in prayer for greater things in the future.—C. L. Hall, Pastor.

MONROE, La.—We are thanking God for the great revival with which we were blessed from January 26 to March 13. Brother Frankie O. Ward, of Savannah, Georgia, who was the evangelist, worked long and hard in this revival. In the face of much sickness and bad weather the revival blessed our church in a wonderful way. Fifty-four were saved, 27 sanctified, 27 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 37 added to the Church. There will be a good number to follow in water baptism and others will unite with the Church yet.—Ed Cox, Pastor.

FORT WHITE, Fla.—For four weeks we have been in an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival which has been the most wonderful we have had in many years. We are praising God for sending Brother and Sister Ted Norris, evangelists from St. Petersburg, Florida, this way. They have been a wonderful blessing to everyone. We feel that they are one of the most humble, consecrated couples in the church. Sister Norris conducted Children's Church which proved a great blessing and resulted in many being saved. Brother Norris preached each night under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost, and souls were blessed in a wonderful way. The Lord placed his seal of approval on every service, and on some nights, the Holy Ghost took complete charge. His power was manifested in a miraculous way throughout the entire revival. Twelve were saved, 4 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, 10 baptized in water, and 8 added to the Church. Many new and wonderful experiences were received by God's children. The Lord spoke to our good pastor, Brother Tomlinson, before the revival began and gave to him the scripture verse Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." We saw this come to pass. This revival came from God through much prayer and fasting, and even though Brother and Sister Norris have gone we feel the revival spirit will continue. We also thank God for our pastor and his wife, Brother and

Sister J. L. Tomlinson, and their family. We feel the church will continue to grow and be blessed under his leadership. To God we give all the glory for this revival.—Bettery Rose Layfield, Reporter.

GARNER, N. C.—We truly praise the Lord for the wonderful revival we have just had. For the first week, the revival was conducted by Brother Lawrence Pounds, from Clayton, North Carolina, whose messages each night were inspired by the Holy Ghost. They helped our members as well as members of other churches. The second week, the revival was conducted by our good pastor, James Wilson, Sister Marie Williams, a member of our church, and Brother Rouston Pollard, of Clayton. The third week, Brother Jody Leonard preached and every message was God-sent. Several were saved and sanctified, and some were reclaimed during this revival. We give God all the glory and praise for this revival because we know He heard and answered prayers. We truly appreciate our pastor and his good wife who have been a blessing to our church. The Sunday School attendance has increased each week. On March 13 we had 93 in attendance which is the most we have had since the church was organized. Two were added to the Church. We feel that the Church is on the move for the Lord.—Mrs. W. E. Thornburg, Clerk.

ROXBORO, N. C.—Every true Christian is under an obligation to preach the gospel according to his ability and opportunity. The economy of grace anticipates the need of special leaders, and the Spirit of God moves on and fits certain persons for the work of evangelism. Such anointed leadership was found in the ministry of Brother and Sister C. L. Leonard, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in the recent revival which they conducted here. Three weeks of Bible-preaching resulted in thirty-seven experiences with several becoming members of the church. The church was made to rejoice and glorify God under the inspired music and singing of Brother and Sister Leonard. God be praised for the work of this consecrated couple. Brother Leonard may be contacted through Harold E. Cato, 413 Fieldcrest Avenue, Draper, North Carolina.—W. E. Williams, Pastor.

COALDALE, Ala.—I sincerely believe that the recent revival conducted at Coaldale by Brother H. E. McDowell, of Flippin, Arkansas, and his family will live in the annals of soul history. Their singing, their lives, their testimonies, and their preaching seemed to be saturated with God's anointing power. Credit should be given also to this group of precious friends and members who, through their prayers of consecration, opened heaven's windows. Twenty-one were saved, 13 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, 14 added to the church, and prospects are great for more members.—Robert M. Taylor, Pastor.

OUR VINES HAVE TENDER GRAPES

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complicated, but we read the Word and have printed notes to assist us. Incidentally, these notes are leveled not to the adult but rather to the child.* We consider this paramount. Sometimes we discuss or answer questions in connection with what we have read.

Then we pray. Sometimes it is the parents, sometimes just the children. Sometimes we all pray. If we do, the prayers are short but to the point. They involve the family interests—school interests, neighborhood interests, church interests, plans for a trip, that examination tomorrow, a safe journey, the missionaries we know personally—all that is important to us.

In it all, we do not forget to thank Him, for when we pray together like this, we have seen many prayers answered. How this increases our faith as well as the faith of our children! Little by little, we see some progress being made.

Recently we had to go out for dinner and the evening, thus leaving the children a little while. When we returned, they told us that they had had their own devotions—one reading and the other praying.

Our hearts were strangely warmed—and I brushed away a tear!

*JUNIOR NOTES by—Scripture Union, 3 Cawthra Square, Toronto 5, Canada.



SEEKING A BRIDE

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one. St. John 20:29b says, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." There is a blessing placed upon them that believe Christ without having seen Him. May we believe His Word more and more in these days of unbelief.

In Songs of Solomon 2:15 we read, "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." I wonder if this means that *little* things will mar our spiritual lives and spoil our victory with God.

The words of Jesus in St. Matthew 12:36 are, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." O, that our words would cease to be cutting and sarcastic. Words can be used for good or for evil. Women are accused of gossiping and telling "shady," sexy, vulgar and filthy stories. Personally, I think men are just as guilty as women but we must not do these things if we expect to be in the bride of Christ. I have made it a point to absent myself when such conversations begin to take place. "Silence gives consent" is a saying that we should give heed to also. If these things happen, we should ask God for spiritual boldness to speak out against them. The second chapter of Titus is a treasure when we wish advice from God about this; Leviticus 19:16, Proverbs 20:19, 2 Thessalonians 3:11, 1 Timothy 5:13 will also help. We must remember that God gave us our "temples of clay" to glorify Himself; we are not to defile these temples by unclean speaking, thinking (because He knows our thoughts), or acting. It could be only something small, but it might be a spot or wrinkle that would keep us out of His bride. St. Luke 21:28b says, "then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Let's live every day as if we expected our Lord the

next day and work for His cause as if we never expected Him to come.



THE EXISTENCE OF MAN

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sion of terror, the devil will be thrown into the lake of fire which was prepared by God for him and his angels because of their disobedience.

The second resurrection and the final judgment will also occur during this period. The new heaven and the new earth with God as All-in-all will be inaugurated, and the universe will again be perfect as God intended it when He created it perfect.

You can clearly visualize from these dispensational periods that God has definitely been in touch with the man He created in the beginning. How anyone can truthfully believe that this world's existence is just a mere happen-so, or that man evolved from a lower animal is beyond my comprehension. I am thankful that the good Lord has given me the knowledge to realize that all things work together for good to them who love God. Nothing exists or even happens by accident. There is always a definite cause for all things.

YOU HAVE LIFE because God Almighty wants you to live. The lesser animals exist because God made them to exist. The minute microscopic organisms are living because of the life God gave them. The Psalmist David said, "O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb," Psalm 139:4-13. I am glad that God's presence is everywhere, aren't you? I would not want to be anywhere that I could not know God was there, too.

My friend, you are a part of God's great plan for man. When the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost made their blueprint for the existence of man, they made provision for you. Your life is a part of this plan. God has given you your life because He wants you to live and use your life for Him. You do not exist by chance, but God wants to receive glory from the life He has given you. He knows where you are, and He knows where you go. Will you not give Him your life in return for eternal life with Him?

Have you ever developed any film and made pictures from that film? The film, as it is taken from the camera, is just blank to the eye, looking as if it were good for nothing. After the film has been placed in the developer, the life of the film comes into view. Your life, my friend, is just as blank as the undeveloped film until you place yourself in the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God who died to redeem you. Consecrate your life to Him today, and see the beautiful picture God sees in your life.

THY REWARD SHALL RETURN UPON THINE OWN HEAD

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children of Israel escaped, the Edomites caught them and delivered them to the enemy. God said, "You should not have done this. Thy reward shall return upon thine own head."

Men, do not hinder your companion who is serving God. If you are not going to serve God for your own sake, do not hinder others who will serve Him. It is so easy to do wrong and not realize it until it is already done. Solomon was a wise man, but he began to pay too much attention to his wives and concubines. This caused him to fall. He had to pay for his sins. David was a man after God's own heart. He did a wicked deed, but he had to pay for it. Don't forget, thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

III. The Restoration of Israel.

Obadiah 17, "But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions."

GOD HAD always promised that Israel would prosper and be a great nation. Although they were taken captive and Edom had a good laugh, the tide changed and it was time for Israel to laugh. The Lord hath spoken that Israel should possess their possession and Edom should be cut off. If God spoke it, it would come to pass. God will not let His people down if they will only look to Him. I sometime feel that I don't have a friend in the

world and I wonder what there is to live for. Then I think that it has been said that there are over thirty-two thousand promises in the Bible, and they are mine. Then I feel like leaping and shouting, knowing that God will lift up those of whom the world makes fun. God makes them to shine out in the darkest night.

The Church of God is to the world as Israel was to the Edomites. The Edomites did not have any use for the Israelites and considered them as trash. God said, "Edom, you can't do that to my people. I have chosen them and I will not allow them to be pushed around."

It's true that Israel had been cut off for a season, but at this time God was going to free them. God said, "There shall be deliverance in the house of Zion." Zion was God's holy mount just outside of Jerusalem. God often came down and dwelt with His people. He often spoke of Zion, for it was a special place to Him.

The Edomites had corrupted it with sin. They had drunk wine, destroyed the vessels of God, and made it an unclean place. No one could go there to worship God or they would throw them out. After He delivered them, He said, "There shall be holiness in the house of Jacob." God's people could not worship Him in a corrupt temple. You remember how Christ drove the money changers out of the Temple. The people then came in and He blessed them and they in turn worshiped Him.

God declared that Israel should be restored, Edom cut off, and holiness established in mount Zion. We can shun punishment by obeying God's word. But if we fail, then we shall be cut off.

ARTICLES CONTRIBUTED TO CHURCH OF GOD HOME FOR CHILDREN

April 8, 1954—December 31, 1954

Marie Copley—coupons and 1 bath-cloth.

Providence Church of God L.W.W.B., Knoxville, Tenn.—new and used clothing: 16 pairs girls' panties, 2 new slips, 1 new dress, 3 new shirts, 4 pairs new boys' shorts, 4 new tee shirts, 178 coupons.

Gayle Phillips, Lexington, Ky.—a box containing 7 good dresses, 1 new slip, 4 pairs used socks; 3 pairs new panties, 1 used sweater, 2 pairs new socks.

Max Huff, Lindale, Ga.—one package used clothing: 4 pairs pants, 3 white dress shirts, 2 polo shirts, 2 sport shirts, 1 cap.

Church of God, Summerville, S. C.—a box containing 21 towels, 2 dish towels, 28 bathcloths, 29 bars toilet soap.

Mrs. E. M. Terry, Atlanta, Ga.—used clothing: 4 dresses, 6 skirts, 3 slip-on sweaters, 2 blouses, 1 lightweight jacket.

Nancy Little, Moundsville, W. Va.—a box containing 4 doilies, 100 coupons, 1 dozen dishcloths, 2 sets pillow-cases, 4 towels, 6 bathcloths, 3 yards new material, 1 sheet, 9 hankies, other small notions.

Charles O. Williams, Dayton, Ohio—1 small box used clothing and one pair garters.

Swans Bakery—110 cakes, of assort-

ed sizes, 151 cakes of assorted sizes.

Rev. R. D. Foxworth, Thorn, Miss.—a box containing 2 pairs new dungarees, 9 pairs small-sized shorts, 4 small-sized dresses, 2 slips, 3 used colored blouses, 1 white used shirt, 1 used small-sized coat.

Mrs. Norman Thomas, Akron 12, Ohio—used clothing: 5 sweaters, 13 skirts, 7 blouses, 4 slips, 2 dresses.

Mr. B. H. Noe, Knoxville, Tenn.—2 baskets of marbles.

Mrs. Geo. D. Jackson, Winter Haven, Fla.—

Grace Seluage, Scottsboro, Ala.—2 pairs good children shoes.

Virgil W. Hughes, Leadwood, Mo.—1 package toys.

Mrs. Marjorie Fauber, Marmet, W. Va.—used clothing.

Mr. C. M. Baker, Argyle, Ga.—1 case honey.

Denmark and King, Homerville, Ga.—a case honey and 5 gallons honey.

Mrs. C. Haud, Cobbtown, Ga.—3 new organdy dresses.

Corner; Benard; Anderson; Rev. P. H. Hammond, pastor, Savannah, Ga., Church of God—2 boxes used clothing.

Church of God, Columbia, Miss.—1 box used clothing.

Lena D. Hicks, Knoxville, Tenn.—24 pairs new hose.

Mrs. G. Humfleet, Jacksonville, Fla.—1 box clothing.

Rev. Robert L. Houston, Sevierville, Tenn.—1 set International Encyclopedia.

Carr Dry Goods Co., Sevierville, Tenn.—26 pairs small girls' loafers.

Daily Vacation Bible School project of the Church of God, Williamsport, Md.—61 handkerchiefs and holders.

Church of God (S. B. McCane, pastor), Plasterco, Va.—33 jars canned goods.

Rev. Carl Cox, Somerset, Ky.—54 new washcloths, 4 bath towels, 17 bars soap, 9 tubes tooth paste, several toys, handkerchiefs, dish towels.

Louis Vinson, Cookeville, Tenn.—6 hampers of cantaloupes, approximately 180.

Mrs. J. W. Lykins, Boone, Colo.—1 box used clothing.

Addie Freeman, Milton, W. Va.—all used clothing: 3 dresses, 2 jackets, 2 jumpers, 4 skirts, 3 small handbags, 3 sweaters, 4 pairs socks.

Rev. Frank Bowers, Church of God, Fort Royal, Va.—7 dozen new men's and ladies' handkerchiefs.

Pauline Combs, Redondo Beach, Calif.—one small box used clothing, 2 long coats, 4 dresses, 2 short coats.

Mrs. Theresa Stumpf, Lincoln Park, Mich.—1 small box used clothing, 2 head scarves, 1 pair pajamas, 4 pairs shoes.

Mrs. C. D. Sims, Gainesville, Fla.—one large box used clothing: 4 boys' jackets, 1 boy's suit, 2 boys' sweaters, 1 boy's bathrobe, 2 pairs gloves, 3 suits underwear, 1 belt, 1 pair ladies' shoes, 2 skirts, 2 suits, 1 sweater.

Hulon L. Evans, Red Bay, Ala.—2 sport shirts (1 new, 1 used), 3 blouses, 2 used skirts, 10 junior size dresses, 1

used, 1 used child's coat, 3 new aprons, 3 pairs used shoes, 1 lady's used suit, 3 small used pinafores, 1 used slip.

Mary Rathbourne, Carver Mills, Ill.—one medium-sized box used clothing.

Mrs. J. W. Lykins, Boome, Colo.—one medium-sized box used clothing.

Rev. E. B. Wyand, pastor of Church of God, Lakin Ave., Boomsboro, Md.—24 hankies, art work from Bible school students.

Highland Park Church of God, Louisville, Ky.—1 large box gifts.

Daisy A. Miller, Oakly, Calif.—1 new quilt.

Mrs. Hattie Shoemaker, Fort White, Fla.—1 quilt top.

Church of God, in care of A. J. Gibbs, Punta Gorda, Fla.—three large boxes used clothing.

Rev. B. S. Myers, Church of God, York, S. C.—two boxes containing 8 bars toilet soap, 6 boxes crayons, 6 color books, 4 tubes tooth paste, 5 tubes tooth paste, 5 toothbrushes, 23 pairs boys' socks, 5 pairs girls' socks, 1 small tee shirt, 2 girls' panties, 5 handkerchiefs, 3 pairs gloves, 1 boy's cap, 1 box facial tissues, 2 pairs shoes, 1 jacket, 1 new quilt, 3 towels, 25 washcloths, 1 coat, 1 pair boy's pants, 2 used sweaters.

O. D. Coleman, Elkhart, Ind.—three boxes containing 1 box used clothing, 10 new dresses, 10 new shirts, 4 bags marbles, 3 trucks, 3 tops, 4 balls, 2 boxes pickup sticks, 8 puzzles, 1 music box, 1 clay set, 27 books, 8 boxes crayons, 2 sewing sets, 3 dolls, 1 block set, 2 tea sets, 1 spelling slate set.

Church of God, Indianapolis, Ind.—1 boy's cap, 28 pairs pillowcases.

Mrs. Lella Schoonover, Cumberland, Ky.—1 dress, 1 pair mittens, 1 used dress, 1 sweater, 1 used jacket.

Rev. James H. Lane, Odenton, Md.—one large box containing Christmas gifts.

Church of God, Union, S. C.—2 doll sets.

Church of God, De Soto, Mo.—21 toy telephones.

Mrs. De Long, Akron, Ohio—4 new boys' shirts.

Jerry White, Hazlehurst, Ga.—1 overcoat and cap, 3 ties, 15 used articles.

L. Headerson, Middletown, Ohio—1 dozen cans (1 pound each) peanut candy.

Mrs. Zollie Martin, Delphi, Ind.—1 pair girl's used overshoes.

Church of God, Barnard and Anderson, Savannah, Ga.—two boxes used clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stewart, St. Petersburg, Fla.—one box used clothing.

Stalway Church of God, Salway, Tenn.—5 new dresses, 5 new skirts, 21 pairs new socks, 10 pairs new panties, used clothing, 6 slips, 2 pairs pajamas, 3 coats, 4 blouses, \$5 donation by cafe at Fairview, 2 undershirts, 2 dresses, 2 boys' jeans, 21 dresses, 13 skirts, 4 pairs new panties, 1 used coat, nuts, candy.

Church of God Sunday School, Freda Robertson, secretary, Carbondale, W. Va.—25 pounds hard, mixed candy.

Smithers Church of God, Smithers, W. Va.—one box containing 10 Christmas gifts.

McAfee and King Co., Sevierville, Tenn.—25 boxes candy bars.

Geneva Slater, Akron, Ohio—2 large dolls, 1 trailer truck, 2 musical toys, 2 trumpets, 8 wrapped gifts, 1 pair overalls pants, 1 box used clothing.

Mrs. Viola Merry, Ft. Worth 16, Texas—one large box candy.

Fairview Shore Church of God, G. M. Lovell, pastor, Apopka, Fla.—1 large box Christmas gifts.

Church of God, Louisville, Tenn.—1 bushel apples, 2 crates oranges, 25 jars canned goods, 3 canned food, 1 large box Christmas candy, 30 Christmas gifts, 1 pair used shoes, 1 used dress, 1 used coat, 1 used slip, 4 pairs new socks.

Church of God, West Prestonsburg, Ky.—4 pairs socks, 3 shirts, 2 pairs panties, 6 bars soap, 5 used clothes.

Church of God Class Number 3, Mellie Epps, teacher, Union, S. C.—10 Christmas gifts.

Inman Church of God, R. V. Dillingham, Inman, S. C.—1 table tennis set, 2 cars, 1 crayon and stencil set, 2 dolls, 4 handkerchiefs.

Rev. J. L. Meares, Memphis, Tenn.—10 Christmas gifts.

Church of God Intermediate Class, James T. Hankins, teacher, Tallahassee, Fla.—one large box containing 60 Christmas gifts.

Church of God, Ferndale, Mich.—one large box containing 65 Christmas gifts.

Church of God, Mrs. C. K. Puffenburger, clerk, Staunton, Va.—one box containing 31 Christmas gifts.

Mrs. George Ferber, Sr., Fairmount, Ill.—one box used clothing.

D. A. Loper, Zellwood, Fla.—25 gallons gasoline, \$7.50, for Florida trip (not in cash).

Mrs. B. F. Willard, Baxley, Ga.—1 new quilt, 6 new towels, 12 new washcloths, 51 handkerchiefs, 1 box soap, 2 jars hand cream.

Townsend Church of God, Brother Varner, pastor, Townsend, Tenn.—3 boxes Christmas gifts, also wrappings.

Rulo Church of God, Falls City, Neb.—8 boys' caps, 4 pairs boys' jeans, 46 Christmas gifts.

Thalman Church of God Young People's Class, Thalman, Ga.—1 box Christmas gifts.

Church of God, Augusta, Maine—5 boys' shirts, 3 books, 1 used cap, 2 used dresses, \$1 (as gift), 4 pairs new socks.

Cativa S. S. K. Fleuelling, Rep. Miss Lillian Greares, Cristobal, Panama, Canal Zone—1 mounted alligator.

Church of God, Kadane Corner, Texas, Paul Mosely, pastor, Electra, Texas—1 quilt, 4 towels, 3 washcloths, 6 dish towels, 3 undershirts, 2 pairs panties, 2 dresses, 7 Christmas gifts, 2 packages combs, used clothing, 2 pairs shoes.

Church of God, Mishawaka, Ind.—eight boxes containing 3 dozen pairs socks, 13 band sets, 1 dozen miniature dolls, 1 and one-half dozen tea sets, 2 dozen float balls, 9 construction auto kits, 6 tightrope cyclists, 10 musical horns, 3 dozen picture puzzles, 8 dozen small gifts.

Kern's Bakery, Knoxville, Tenn.—25 miniature dolls.

Church of God, Rose Short, pastor, Elyria, Ohio—2 packages combs, 2 cars, 2 dolls, 4 pairs panties, 6 pairs socks, 1 apron.

Williamsport Church of God, J. N. Evans, pastor, Williamsport, Md.—59 pairs children's socks, 8 pairs panties.

A. C. Maddon, Cheraw, S. C.—30 Christmas gifts.

Church of God, Naples, Fla.—40 Christmas gifts.

Church of God, Leatherwood, Ky.—1 doll.

Church of God, Lynch, Ky.—9 Christmas gifts.

Church of God, Lincoln Center, Maine—28 Christmas gifts.

East La Grange Church of God, La Grange, Ga.—20 Christmas gifts.

West Ward St. Church of God, C. M. Harris, pastor, Douglas, Ga.—one large box used clothing.

Mrs. M. C. Painters, St. George, W. Va.—1 quilt.

FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 1954

	Orphanage	Missions
Alabama	\$ 1,925.05	\$ 3,656.60
Arizona	215.08	1,000.36
Arkansas	376.33	408.13
California	886.53	2,086.12
Canada, Central	29.11	15.33
Canada, Western	3.93	111.51
Colorado	48.77	66.19
Connecticut	25.17	8.12
Delaware	64.44	227.78
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Florida	3,492.18	4,388.65
Georgia	2,356.50	5,840.44
Idaho	34.64	23.28
Illinois	770.25	1,055.32
Indiana	595.88	565.43
Iowa	104.57	285.42
Kansas	142.12	165.65
Kentucky	1,165.43	1,047.87
Louisiana	462.10	1,053.59
Maine	88.79	56.20
Maryland	556.89	599.70
Massachusetts	4.97	8.38
Michigan	704.92	1,395.30
Minnesota	14.09	66.88
Mississippi	788.65	944.50
Missouri	484.16	584.06
Montana	108.26	198.01
Nebraska	30.61	36.32
Nevada	31.14	6.15
New Jersey	45.53	131.05
New Mexico	121.49	293.28
New York	38.69	160.14
North Carolina	8,457.62	6,569.97
North Dakota	164.36	368.15
Ohio	1,817.87	2,151.21
Oklahoma	356.53	395.68
Oregon	72.78	69.69
Pennsylvania	652.19	991.63
South Carolina	2,376.51	4,210.60
South Dakota	144.31	621.78
Tennessee	2,225.44	3,932.61
Texas	1,025.09	1,780.10
Virginia	1,509.66	1,716.95
Washington	128.57	206.62
West Virginia	1,884.93	1,803.25
Wisconsin	72.60	45.69
Wyoming	4.10	1.52
Spanish	19.97	31.35
Hawaii	25.57	
Miscellaneous	3.61	2,415.00
TOTAL	\$36,704.15	\$53,881.06



KEY WEST, Fla.—I thank and praise my God for healing me of a very bad nervous breakdown.—Jean-nette Ingraham.

ALTOONA, Ala.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I had been having trouble with my side for a long time and had been to the doctor several times, but it still got worse. I could not sleep at night for hurting so bad. The doctor told my husband that if I didn't get better he would have to operate. One day when Brother Harvin was on the air, I was washing dishes, and as Sister Harvin began to pray for the sick, I asked the Lord to touch my body. Ever since that time, I have slept well, and I praise the Lord for my healing.—Mrs. Spurgeon Hawthorne.

ROME, Ga.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me and my family. I promised the Lord I would praise Him and give Him all the glory if He would heal my stomach. I was backslidden, sick, depressed, and couldn't eat. I lost thirty-five pounds. I knew I would die if I didn't turn to God. It doesn't pay to backslide from God. I called on the people from the North Rome Church of God. They prayed the prayer of faith, and God took me back and healed my stomach and depressed mind. Also, He gave my husband and two oldest daughters the Holy Ghost. Brother Appling and Brother Atkins, my pastor, prayed for my little girl, age five, who had bad kidney trouble, and God healed her. Brother Max Atkins and his wife and the people of the North Rome Church have really held me up in their prayers. I thank God for them. I could write pages of what the Lord has done for me, but I know space will not permit. At the time of my illness, I was going to three doctors and was taking all kinds of medicine which didn't do me any good, so I threw it all away. Praise the Lord for His saving and healing power.—Mrs. J. C. Chambers. Attested by Max L. Atkins, Pastor.

CLEVELAND, Tenn.—For a long time I had wanted to attend Lee College, but, seemingly, there was no possible way that I could do so. God has now provided sufficient finance to enable me to attend. For this, I am so thankful. Before coming to Lee, the devil tried to make me believe that I had some dreadful disease, and that I would become sick while here. Therefore, my time and efforts would be wasted. I was afraid at first to launch out and trust God, but I knew that the devil is a liar. I sought the Lord for deliverance from this affliction and also from the fear that had me bound. While praying in my living room one night, God came on the scene and healed me. I thank Him so much because He is ever mindful of His own. Since being at Lee, God has

been good to me; He has helped me in all of my studies, for which I am very thankful. I have only an eighth grade education, but I took the G.E.D. test and passed it. I have gone straight into Junior College, and I am making passing grades in all of my subjects. I thank the Lord so much for His wonderful goodness to me. My desire is to consecrate myself fully to Him and to work for Him while it is yet day, for the night surely will come when no man can work. Please pray that God will reveal His will to me and that I will ever be faithful to His cause.—Sallie White.

NAPLES, Fla.—I am thankful to God for His wonderful healing power. He healed my throat instantly by His power. I could not swallow without choking and could eat very little. I was also bothered with stomach trouble and could not eat any meats at all. Now I can eat anything I want. He also saved my soul. I praise the Lord for His goodness to me. I am still trusting God every day for His healing power. I am sure that what He has done for me He will do for all who will come to Him in faith.—Mary Edna McCain.

GARNER, N. C.—I praise the Lord and thank Him for His wonderful healing power. For years I had suffered with sinus headaches, and at times I couldn't even walk because my head hurt so badly. Nothing I took seemed to ease the pain. After I joined the Church of God and received all the blessings, I read testimonies of healings which increased my faith. After suffering all day at work, I felt that I would be healed if only I could get to prayer meeting and be prayed for by our pastor, Brother Tony Petrucelli, and the saints. I do thank God for healing me instantly. I also praise Him for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. My husband was healed of a bad stomach disorder. Please pray for us that our lives will be a shining light for Jesus because He has done so much for us. Praise His wonderful sweet name! He gives us peace and joy in our homes and in our lives which the world cannot give.—Mrs. W. E. Thornburg.

DALLAS, Ga.—I thank the Lord for His wonderful power. I also thank Him for saving, sanctifying, and giving me the Holy Ghost. At about this time last year, I was a backslider. At that time, one of my twins took the measles which developed into pneumonia. We took her to the hospital, but the doctor said that she wouldn't live until twelve o'clock that night. The only thing I knew to do was to pray and ask God to heal her. Being

a sinner, I promised the Lord a lot of things if He would heal my daughter. She improved somewhat and we took her to the hospital in Rome, Georgia. When she looked as if she wasn't doing any better, I prayed again and asked the Church to pray for her healing. The Lord healed her. Praise His name!

I wasn't willing to give up the world and live for God, so I didn't keep my promise to the Lord. In one and one-half months I had to be carried to the hospital, and the same doctor told my husband that I couldn't live through the night. I began to think of what I had promised God, and with what strength I had left, I asked the Lord to let me live to serve Him. He healed me and in three weeks I was able to go to church where I made my way to the altar and prayed through to God. I mean to live for the Lord, and I thank Him with all of my heart for sparing my life and the life of my baby. I pray that this testimony will help someone who has gone back out in sin. I tried everything to find peace, but I couldn't find it by living in sin. There is true joy in living for the Lord. I would like for all the Christians to pray for my unsaved husband. I was reared in the Church of God and didn't know what it was to miss church. We live fourteen miles from the Church, and I don't get to go as often as I would like to go. I know that God will provide a way for me to go to church, because we have five children who need to be taken to church and Sunday School. God never lets His children down.—Virginia Campbell.

ALVA, Fla.—I cannot thank God enough for what He has done for me. I was told by four different doctors that I had gallstones which would have to be taken out. I didn't have the money to pay for a hospital bill and so I kept putting it off. One night during a revival at our church I asked Brother Rewis and Brother Carter to pray for me. I praise the Lord for healing me.—Florence Green. Attested by Ralford Rewis, Pastor.

CAREY, Ohio.—I praise God for His healing power. I had had ulcers of the stomach for at least twenty-five years. When I went to Brecksville, Ohio, to the Veterans' Hospital, the doctor told me that if I ever came back I would have to have an operation to remove all the lower part of my stomach. About five months ago, God laid His healing hand on me. The devil tempted me to see if I would take any more of my medicine, but I did not. I haven't had an attack since, and I can eat anything I want. I believe I am healed. This took place at the home church where my wife, Sister Della Watkins, is pastor.—Boyd Watkins. Attested by Mrs. Della Watkins.

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(MNS) An up-to-date survey of evangelical literature in Japan lists a total of 26 groups engaged in the publishing of evangelical books. Some are small, isolated efforts, while others have a nation-wide outreach. Ten of these groups are under Japanese management. The others are, for the most part, operated by Japanese and missionary personnel.

This survey, made by **Japan Harvest** (the publication of the Evangelical Missionary Association of Japan), lists 156 publications (plus a few strongly denominational books) currently available in the Japanese language. This number includes even booklets of less than 50 pages.

It is obvious that the main purpose of evangelical publishers in post-war Japan has been that of strengthening and stirring up the believers. More than 25 per cent of the books published deal with Bible study, another 25 per cent are devotional writings. Thirty-two of the 156 books could be classified as "evangelistic," including elementary follow-up books.

(MNS) Spain—Word has just been received from **Spain** that **Senor Flor-entino Tornadijo**, evangelical pastor in Sagunto, Province of Valencia, has been given his freedom after 15 days in prison. The reason for his imprisonment was that he had refused to pay a fine imposed upon him for holding a prayer meeting in a home on June 29, 1954.

When the news was received that **Sr. Tornadijo** had been put in jail on February 22, the N.A.E. office in Washington publicized the news through the secular press. **Dr. Clyde W. Taylor**, Secretary of Affairs, wrote a letter of protest to the Spanish Ambassador in Washington.

In the Valencia prison **Sr. Tornadijo** was put in a cold cell, where he had to sleep on a dirty straw mattress, with only an old cotton blanket for cover.

When he became ill he was transferred to the infirmary. There he was well treated, for the chief of the men who took care of the patients was a young man who had been converted through **Sr. Tornadijo's** testimony when he was imprisoned there for the same reason in September 1953.

It is felt that the entire incident has been a triumph for the Gospel, as **Sr. Tornadijo** had many opportunities to preach to the other prisoners, individually and in groups.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN MEETING

An estimated 22,000 people jammed **Madison Square Garden** service Thursday night, March 3. The people began gathering before noon with the meeting scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. The stadium officials locked the doors at 7:00 p.m. with some 8,000 people standing outside in the rain on 49th Street, where buses originally were scheduled to be parked.

Mr. Graham preached a simple message, "You are a sinner — The wages of sin is death — Christ took your place on the cross — He died for you — Turn your life over to Him — He will give you peace in your soul." Over 1,500 walked the aisles in the huge arena to find Christ as their personal Saviour. Nearly a thousand raised their hands on the outside as **Mr. Graham** addressed them briefly, before he gave the main address in the **Madison Square Garden** meeting. **Dr. John Wimblish**, pastor of New York's **Calvary Baptist Church**, who led in the opening prayer remarked, "New York has never seen anything like this."

The New York papers carried front page pictures and stories of the meeting and the overflow crowds.

The New York Times said, "It is probably the most decorous crowd that the big auditorium, which is generally used for sports events, had ever seen."

The leading editorial of the New York Journal stated, "Billy Graham's first major religious rally in New York was an overwhelming success. You have to go back twenty-one years to Billy Sunday's last appearance here to find anything comparable. The Billy Graham rally was, if you like, a phenomenon on both meanings of the word in natural fact and in the experience of unique significance."

"And it was an event of outstanding significance because, as we see it, it was one more sign of the revival of the religious spirit. And because of the tension of today and the possible destructive horrors of the future embodied in that monstrous cylinder known as the H-bomb, men and women are turning to God for comfort and guidance and peace."

"Certainly an alliance of men and nations with God would be truly a grand alliance. We congratulate **Mr. Graham** and thousands who heard him on the success of their meeting and we hope his plans will permit an extended visit to New York soon."

Many other New York newspapers

paid tribute to the success of the meeting, the occasion of which was a fifteenth anniversary rally of **Jack Wyrzten's Word of Life**.

John Ferris, staff writer of the New York World-Telegram, describing the response to the invitation wrote one of the outstanding accounts when he said:

"They came slowly and at first hesitatingly, tiny figures that stirred in the dim upper balconies to make their way down into the brilliant lights. Patiently moved by the experience, they were unashamed and in the faces of all, after a few moments after their tears had been wiped away there was a quiet dignity of peace."

Immediately following the **Madison Square Garden** rally **Mr. Graham** together with several other members of his team left on the train for Washington, D. C. where preparation was made for the Sunday Hour of Decision broadcast that originated in the nation's capitol. Nine and eleven o'clock Sunday morning found **Dr. Graham** in the pulpit of the National Presbyterian Church of which **Dr. Edward L. R. Elson** is the pastor. This is the church where President and Mrs. Eisenhower attend regularly and where they are members. Crowds gathered before each service and stood in the rain. At the eleven o'clock service at the close of the message, **Mr. Graham** stepped down from the pulpit and walked down to the President and Mrs. Eisenhower, shook hands with them and accompanied them out of the church to their waiting car. Sunday evening before leaving for Asheville and home **Mr. Graham** was guest on "Meet the Press" NBC radio and television. That was perhaps one of the most remarkable press meetings ever held on radio and television. **Mr. Graham** left together with **Rev. Grady Wilson**, **Mr. Cliff Barrows**, **Mr. Beverly Shea**, **Dr. Paul Rees** of Minneapolis, and **Dr. Paul Maddox** on the French Line, Liberte, for Glasgow, Scotland. The campaign begins March 21 and runs for six weeks of time, to be followed by ten days in Wembley Stadium London and a number of major cities on the Continent during the month of June.

The Reds liquidated more than 500 Presbyterian pastors of North Korea.

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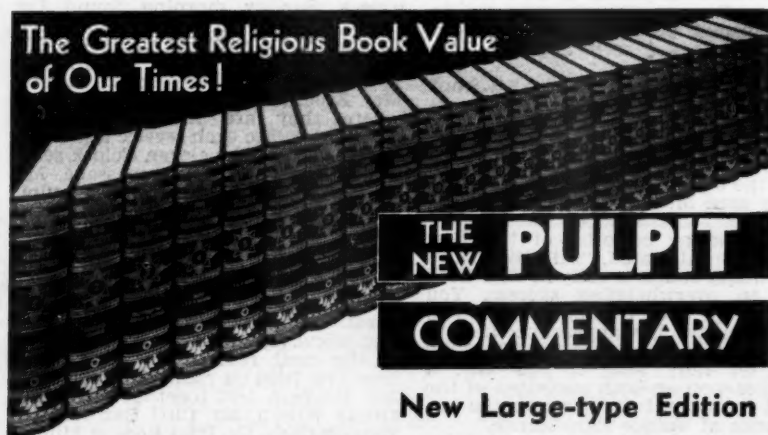
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